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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government alongwith State Governments have not been effectively implementing the Schemes meant for promoting universal primary education in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; ?

(c) whether UNESCO has recently opined on the status of universal primary education in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the effective steps Government proposes to take in this regard; and

(f) the time by which India would achieve universalisation of primary education?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) Sir, it would not be correct to say so.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) UNESCO`s Global Monitoring Report (GMR) 2006, indicates an improvement in India`s Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) in Primary Education from 0.823 in 2001 to 0.937 in 2002. The Report also indicates that India is likely to achieve gender parity in primary education by 2005.

(e) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal programme have been undertaken by the Government to achieve universal elementary education.

(f) The goal of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is to achieve universal elementary education by 2010.